THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

INTELLIGENCER.

Hier stehe ich, ich kan nicht anders:
Gott helfe mir! Amen.—LUTHER.

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PROFESSOR PLANCK'S LETTER.

(CONCLUDED, from page 8.)

The *fourth* and most remarkable circumstance which distinguishes the present state of our Lutheran Zion, is not only the mitigation of that sectarian spirit, which unhappily existed between the Lutheran and Reformed churches, but its entire abolition, and the actual union of the two denominations into one church. This *reunion* has actually been effected in all the provinces of the Prussian monarchy, in the Hessian territories and those of Nassau, in the Palatinate and in the Dutchy of Baden. In every instance, this union has been accomplished under the patronage of the civil authorities, and in some at their instigation. And such are the principles on which this union has been acceded to, that there is every reason to believe that it will be of permanent duration. For both parties have only professed to be of one mind with regard to the fundamental aspect of christian doctrine, and have at the same time agreed that the difference which may yet exist on the subject of the Holy Supper, cannot be a just ground to prevent either their spiritual communion or their union into one church. The reason why this union was not formally adopted in all the protestant provinces of Germany, was, that in several this formality was deemed superfluous, as a virtual union had already existed, or it was deemed inexpedient on account of some local impediments. But it may with truth be stated, that in these provinces also, although the external formality be wanting, the union has been virtually accomplished.

If, from these subjects, we turn our attention to the Theology of the present day, and the religious views which prevail amongst us, unless our expectations are unreasonable, we shall find that at least some circumstances offer themselves to our consideration, which are of a pleasing nature, although others of a different kind are mingled with them,

wonder that Luther and others succeeded in depriving us of the coffers of Germany, England, Sweden, &c. The reformers were men of piety and talents, whilst our priests were debauched and extremely ignorant."

Minutes

Of the Synod of Maryland and Virginia.

Held at Hagers-Town, Md. October 23, 24, 25 and 26.

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Monday, 3 *o'clock*, P. M.—Synod was opened with prayer.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

	Sunday Schools	Collections	Congregations	Baptisms	Confirmed	Communed	Deaths	Con. sch.
Dr. Kurtz	1	5 00	1	55	29	237	38	1
Herbst, Senr.		4 09	4	88	25	125	13	2
Grobp	1	5 00	4	97	55	466	13	1
Schæffer	1	20 00	1	201	80	431	31	1
Hass	not	report-	ed					
Flohr			5	66	36	171	14	1
Sackman	1	5 00	1	54	10	51	31	1
B: Kurtz	1	30 00	4	155	81	750	27	2
Reck		5 00	3	38	35	156	14	
Schmucker		2 50	4	146	60	366	18	2
Meyerheffer		18 50	6	174	51	840	17	3
Graber	1	7 92	4	61	12	300	16	4
Koehler		7 03	1	45		61	10	1
Krauth		40 00	3	76	49	208		
Schmucker	1	7 50	4	56	40	191	17	2
Schnee	1	14 63	5	91	54	327	42	3
Winter		10 00	4	12	13	107	5	
Keil		7 00	4	52	13	107	10	
Rothrauff		15 50	4	81	57	303	18	1
Wachter		7 30	6	58		274	23	
Little			1	43			12	
Medtard			1	9			4	
Kubler	1	9 15	5	103	120	225	9	1
Reck	not	report-	ed					

The *First Committee* reported that their papers contained:

1. Communication from five members of the church council of St. Peter's church, notifying the synod that the reverend Mr Haas can no longer be their pastor, inasmuch as the whole congregation, for various reasons, is entirely dissatisfied with him; stating also that the reverend Mr Wachter has been officiating amongst them, and praying that he may be permitted to have permanent charge of their church.

2. A letter from the reverend Haas, stating that sickness prevented his attending the meeting of the synod, and acknowledging the imprudence of his conduct in regard to one of the charges made against him, and his penitence on account of it.

Resolved, That the president of this synod address a letter to the reverend Haas, on the subject of the papers relating to his case.

The *Second Committee* reported, that the papers committed to them related to the state of the church in Winchester, and contained among other things, a lengthy and well written memorial from certain members of said church, together with a certificate that they had appointed Philip B. Streit, esq'r. their agent, to appear before this body and advocate their cause.

It was resolved, That the memorial from Winchester be read before the synod; which was accordingly done. Brother Reck then entered into an exposition of the facts stated in the memorial—after which Mr Streit was heard in reply. It was then, after the most mature deliberation,

Resolved 1. That the synod consider the memorialists as having exculpated themselves from the supposed charge of personal enmity against their former pastor; which charge however, in the opinion of the synod, was never made before them.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to examine into the charge of opposition on the part of the memorialists to the evangelical measures of their former pastor—Of this committee brother Reck shall appoint one, the memorialists one, and these two a third.

3. That if the party opposed to brother Reck deem it expedient, an election may be held for the purpose of determining whether the rev'd Mr Reck shall remain their pastor, and that this election should be held within three months of the present date; and that the same committee be requested to attend and superintend the election agreeably to the requisitions of the charter of the congregation, and that this election shall be final.

The synod then adjourned till after the close of the evening service. Concluded by prayer.

At candle light the Reverend Mr Grobp preached on I. John, 3. 13, 14—After which the Synod immediately resumed its session.

Tuesday, 9 *o'clock*, A. M.—The synod was constituted by prayer.

Liberty was granted to Mr Maurer, from Strasburg, Va. to bring forward the affairs of the church in that place. He presented the thanks of his constituents for the attention and kindness of the synod in the management of their business; together with their wish that their pastor, whose year has expired, may be continued among them. The gratification of the synod was expressed at the information given by this gentleman.

Report of the 3d Committee.—No. 1. Contains a memorial from the english lutheran church in Baltimore, expressing their approbation of Mr Medtart, and containing an account of his labours.

Resolved, That the synod are highly gratified by the contents of this memorial.

No 2. is a communication from the english part of the church at Strasburg—in which they complain of the operation of the resolution of the last synod in relation to them, and bear a flattering testimony in favour of their minister, the reverend Mr Keil,

Resolved, That the members of the vestry who are now acting for the english part of the church, shall continue in office and be consi-

dered as lawfully constituted until the regular expiration of their term of office—and that the german and english members of the vestry be required to act in conformity to the resolution adopted at the session of last year.

Report of the 4th Committee,—No. 1. is a letter from our reverend brother Flohr, stating that sickness prevented his attendance at the meeting of the synod, and containing his parochial report.

Resolved, That the president answer the letter of brother Flohr.

2 A call from the church in Cumberland for the pastoral labours of reverend Little, was presented to the Synod, and it was

Resolved, That the reverend Mr Little is hereby authorized to accept the call.

3. Testimonials from the churches of brother Kubler in favor of his pastoral deportment.

Resolved, That the synod regard these testimonials with pleasure,

The delegates appointed by this body, to attend the last meeting of the Pennsylvania synod, reported that they had, in conformity to their appointment, made their appearance before that body, and were received with the usual marks of friendship and attention.

The delegate to the reformed church in Maryland, reported that he had attended the session. The delegate to the reformed classis of Virginia, stated that he was unable to attend in consequence of the fact that its meeting was held on the day of the meeting of the Pennsylvania synod, to which he was also appointed.

The report of the 5th committee was read, containing the several items of unfinished business, recorded in the minutes of our last session.

Resolved, that the former bibliothical committee be re-appointed.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed consisting of the secretary, the treasurer, and brother Kurtz, to report a plan for the immediate establishment of a theological seminary.

Synod adjourned—concluded with prayer.

Tuesday—3 *o'clock*, P M.—Constituted by prayer.

The committee on the subject of a theological seminary made their report, embracing the following items :

I. That we cannot calculate on extensive and permanent success in the establishment of a theological seminary, unless the matter be patronized by the general synod, and be officially put into operation by that body.

II. That our delegates to the general synod be hereby required, to use their utmost exertion to have a seminary established by that body, according to the principles hereafter specified.

III. This institution shall be under the sole government of a board of directors, consisting of 21 members—14 clergymen and 7 laymen.

IV. The members of this board, shall be elected from the different synods which belong to the general synod, and which have passed a resolution to support the institution by their contributions and their students.

V. The relative number of directors to be chosen from each synod, shall be in proportion to the number of ministers belonging to said synod.

VI. The general synod shall elect the first board of directors agreeably to the above principles, after which, each synod shall elect its own directors, in such manner, and for such time as they see fit.

VII. The directors shall choose a professor from among the ordained ministers of the synods regularly connected with the seminary: and they shall always fill any professorial vacancy that may occur.

VIII. The general synod shall devise such means as they deem most efficient, for the purpose of procuring funds; and this synod will support the efforts of the general synod to accomplish this object. Nothing more than the interest of the permanent funds shall at any time be used.

IX. The board of directors shall form a constitution, embracing the specifications, and in consonance with the principles fixed by the general synod, and no board of directors shall at any time violate the principles and specifications of the general synod. This board also shall, from time to time, form such by-laws in accordance with the constitution, as they may deem requisite.

Resolved, that Messrs Schaeffer, S. S. Schmucker, Krauth and Kurtz, be a committee to carry the views of the synod relative to our contemplated publication into execution without delay; and that the profits of this publication be appropriated to the support of the seminary.

An election was then held, by ballot, for delegates to the general synod, when it appeared that the rev'd Messrs Schaeffer, S. S. Schmucker, and B, Kurtz, and Mess'rs J. Harry, of Hagerstown, Ebert and Mantz, of Fredericktown, were elected.

Session was closed with prayer.

This evening, the rev'd Mr Kohler preached on *Luke* 10, 30—35.—After the close of public worship the synod again convened. Reverend Kurtz proposed some resolutions to the synod for subsequent consideration.

Mr Bowlus presented a paper from the church in Middletown, which was given to a committee consisting of the reverend Messrs B. Kurtz, and Krauth, and Messrs Birely & Ebert, for their report on its contents.

Resolved, That a missionary be appointed for three months, and that hereafter the missionaries of this synod shall confine their labours to the territories of this synod, until otherwise ordered.

Resolved, That the selection of a person as missionary, be deferred until the ministerial session.

An election for the time and place of the next session of the synod was held, when it appeared that Winchester, and the third Sunday of October, 1826, were fixed upon.

Wednesday, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*—Synod was constituted by prayer.

A letter was received from the rev. Dr. Kurtz, stating, that sudden sickness of his family prevented his presence at the synodical session.

Resolved, that the excuse for the absence of Dr. Kurtz be sustained.

The committee appointed to examine the papers from Middletown, reported, that those papers contain a statement of the situation of the church in that place, together with a call to the reverend S. S. Schmucker to take charge of said church, and a request that the synod might take such measures as would aid them in effecting the object of the call,

Brother Schnee gave an explanation of the circumstances of the case, and stated that he was fully determined to leave Middletown in the month of March next—After which it was resolved, that as the rev'd Schnee has determined to leave Middletown in the month of March next, and the reverend S S. Schmucker seems to be willing to accept the call of the congregation, that the congregation wait until that time; when there wishes may be accomplished.

Resolved That the president appoint a missionary for the ensuing year; and that the compensation allowed our missionaries, shall hereafter be *thirty dollars* per month

Messrs B. Kurtz and S. S. Schmucker were elected delegates to the East Pennsylvania synod; Messrs Little and Kubler to West Pennsylvania; and Mr Schæffer to that of New York.

Resolved, That two lay members be appointed by the church council of each of our congregations, to solicit subscribers for our magazine, and that it be issued monthly at $1 50 per annum.

Resolved, That the minutes of our synod be hereafter published in the magazine issued by this synod

Resolved, That the proposed publication of an english hymn book be referred to the general synod

Resolved, That Messrs Schaeffer and B. Kurtz be a committee to attend to the property at Georgetown, in which this synod is concerned.

The synodical business having been transacted, the session was closed by a fervent prayer from our reverend president Schaeffer

Extracts from the transactions of the ministerial session.

The ministerium was constituted by prayer

Mr J. N. Hoffman was presented as an applicant for licensure, and Messrs Schnee and Reck appointed to examine him

The committee appointed to examine the sermons and the diaries of the candidates, reported favourably to their character.

Resolved, That Messrs Winter, Keil, Ruthrauff, and Wachter be ordained this evening.

A letter was handed to the ministerium from reverend Henry Kurtz, on the subject of the magazine intended to be published by the synod, which was read and referred to the editing committee.

The committee appointed to examine Mr Hoffman, reported, that he had passed an honorable examination, and proposed that he be licensed, which was unanimously agreed to.

The business of the ministerium having been completed, it was resolved that this body adjourn, to attend the public services of the evening.

Wednesday evening.

ORDINATION.

The rev'd president delivered an address to the congregation at large, and then to the candidates for ordination in particular: after which Mess'rs Winter, Keil, Ruthrauff, and Wachter, were solemnly ordained as pastors in the church. The pastor-loci then addressed the audience, after which the audience was dismissed with the BENEDICTION.

S. S. SCHMUCKER, Sec'ry.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

During the year 1825, according to the parochial reports of six synods of our church, there were baptized 11,450; confirmed 5,112; communicants 43,141.

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THE LIFE OF PHILIP MELANCTHON.

The commencement of the sixteenth century, may be justly regarded as one of the best and brightest periods in the annals of time. It was distinguished by the release of christianity from those fetters of darkness, in which she had been bound for ages, and her triumphant assertion of that glorious liberty in which she now walks abroad through the earth. This great event cannot be too highly appreciated; especially, as we are daily participating the blessings which result from it. But unfortunately, the admiration of mankind is more commonly bestowed upon the splendid achievements of the military, than the christian hero. We overlook the miseries he inflicts, and the wide spreading desolation that marks his course. But, were it even possible to separate these images of horror from the consideration of his successes, surely it must be admitted, that the bloodless victories of truth, are nobler in themselves; and, accomplished by the exertion of mental and moral energies, incalculably more important. On this prineiple the reformation from popery, merits particular attention. Whether, we consider, on the one hand, the violent and deeprooted prejudices, which were at that period universally prevalent; artfully cherished, and powerfully defended, the great and immediate danger resulting from the slightest attempt at religious innovatiou; and the deplorable errors which reigned by long usurpation and prescriptive authority over the minds of men;—or, on the other, the seemingly accidental causes from which the reformation originated, the inconsiderable source from which it flowed, the slow but irresistable progress it made, and the beneficial revolution it effected in the sentiments of mankind; it is impossible not to perceive reasons for astonishment and joy. No one ought to be accused of credulity, for calling it a miracle; a moral miracle it undoubtedly was. The miracles which accompanied the first propagation of christianity and secured its establishment, were, it is true, a more direct appeal to the senses, but the same

his restoration, used for his own purposes, assigning as a reason that he was not bound by any of the engagements of an usurper and a tyrant. William and Mary restored the pension; but during the reign of Napoleon, the British government, from political motives withheld it, and the Vaudois pastors (thirteen in number) are for the most part living in a state of poverty.

Efforts are now making to recover this lost aid, and thereby enable the pastors to surmount their difficulties, to assist in the establishment of schools, and the education of their ministers, and especially in building a hospital among them. His Majesty George the Fourth, has presented them with 100 guineas. Several of the Protestant States on the Continent are interesting themselves for these suffering people; and it is hoped that a favourable moment has arrived for the relief of the oppressed Vaudois. The valleys have lately been visited by some English clergymen, who have taken a lively interest in the fate of their inhabitants.

A highly respectable committee has been formed in London, to promote subscriptions for the Waldenses, and to manage the fund raising for them in the United Kingdom.—*Zion's Herald.*

BROTHERLY SINCERITY.

On the death of Dr. Priestly, his brother Timothy Priestly, a clergyman of excellent sentiments, preached a funeral sermon for him, in which he thus spoke of his future fate: "Curiosity has brought numbers to hear what I say of his eternal state. This I say, not one in heaven, nor on the road to that happy world, will be more glad to find him there than myself. When I consider that the praise of glory, of free grace, is that which God principally designs, and that we find in divine revelation, some of the chiefest offenders being singled out, and made monuments of mercy, such as Manasseh, Paul, and others, and also, that He who can create a world in a twinkling of an eye, can make a change in any man in a moment: here, and here alone, are founded my hopes."

Christians resemble travellers in a stage-coach.—We are full of our plans and schemes, but the coach is moving rapidly forward: It passes one mile-stone, and then another; and no regard is paid to the plots and plans of the passengers.

Minutes

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland and Virginia,

Held at Winchester, Virginia, October 15th, 16th, and 17th.

On Sunday morning, the members of the Synod assembled at the parsonage, and at 10 o'clock proceeded to the Lutheran church. The Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, President of the Synod not having arrived, in time to deliver the pastoral discourse, (on account of a late serious indisposition,) the Rev. C. P. Krauth delivered a discourse, embracing the general principles of the pastoral discourse, text 1 Cor. iii. 22. After a Sacramental address, the Lord's Supper was administered to the members of the Synod, and a number of the citizens of Winchester. In the afternoon the Rev. F. Rothrauf preached from Matthew xx. 6. and at candle-light, Mr. Morris, upon Ephesians, v. 14. Three discourses were delivered on this day in the Methodist church, by the Rev. Messrs. Medtart, E. Keller, and W. Keil, texts—Isaiah, lv. 6—2 Cor. viii. 9—1 John, v. 4.

Monday 9 *o'clock*, A. M.—The President having arrived, the Synod was immediately constituted by singing a hymn and a solemn appeal to the Throne of Grace. The names of the ministers were then called, as follows:

			PLACE OF RESIDENCE.
1.	Rev.	Dr. Kurtz,	Baltimore, Md.
2.	"	J. Herbst, sen.	Manchester, Va.
3.	"	J. Grob,	Taney-Town, Md.
4.	"	D. F. Schaeffer, A. M.	Frederick, Md.
5.	"	F. Haas,	———
6.	"	M. Sackman,	Loudon county, Va.
7.	"	A. Reck,	Winchester, Va.
8.	"	B. Kurtz, (now in Europe,)	———
9.	"	N. Schmucker,	Woodstock, Va.
10.	"	M. Meyerheffer,	Harrisonburg, Va.
11.	"	H. Graber,	Union-Town, Md.
12.	"	J. Kehler,	Madison, Va.
13.	"	C. P. Krauth,	Martinsburg, Va.
14.	"	S. S. Schmucker, A. M.	Professor of the Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa.
15.	"	J. Schnee,	Middle-Town, Md.
16.	"	J. Winter,	Middleway, Va.
17.	"	W. Keil,	Strasburg, Va.
18.	"	F. Rothrauf,	Hagers-Town, Md.
19.	"	M. Wachter,	Frederick, Md.
20.	"	N. B. Little,	Cumberland, Md.
21.	"	J. Medtart,	Hagers-Town, Md.
22.	"	M. Kubler,	———
23.	"	J. Reck,	———
24.	"	J. N. Hoffman,	Taney-Town, Md.
25	"	S. K. Hoshauer,	New Market, Va.

Were absent Rev. Dr. Kurtz, J. Herbst, J. Grob, F. Haas, M. Sackman, B. Kurtz, (who is now in Europe as Agent of the General Synod,) N. Schmucker, M. Meyerheffer, H. Graber, J. Kehler, S. S. Schmucker, A. M., N. B. Little, M. Kubler, and J. Reck, (who has taken charge of congregations in North Carolina, and is now a member of that Synod.)

The following Lay-men exhibited their credentials, and were admitted as members of this Synod.

F. Nusz,	Frederick, Md.	Major Kean,	Gerards-town, Va.
A. Lauck,	Winchester, Va.	John Harry,	Hagers-town, Md.
D. Keplinger,	Shepherds-town, Va	D. Link,	Woodsborough, Md
J. Routzan,	Middle-town, Md	P. Baker,	Williamsport, Md.
John Swisher, S. Baumgardner	Valley church	A. Bird,	New Market, Va.

The Rev. J. Herbst, jun'r. exhibited his credentials, as delegate from the West Pennsylvania Synod, and was cheerfully accredited as such.

The Rev. W. H. Scriba, of West Pennsylvania Synod, and Rev. E. Keller, of E. Pennsylvania Synod, were admitted as members of this Synod.

The President informed the Synod, that agreeably to the constitution, an election for officers must now be held, and that the present officers are not eligible to the same offices which they filled for the last three years. The Synod then elected

Rev. C. P. KRAUTH, — *President*
" *D. F. SCHAEFFER, A. M.* — *Secretary*
" *F. ROTHRAUF,* — *Treasurer*

The papers addressed to the Synod were then laid on the table, and distributed by the President as follows:

1st Committee—consisting of Rev. J. Herbst, jun'r. Rev. Schnee, Rev. J. Winter, and Messrs. F. Nusz, and J. Harry, were committed papers marked No. 1.

2d Committee—Rev. J. Medtart, Rev. J. N. Hoffman, and Maj. Kean, papers marked No. 2.

3d Committee—Rev. A. Reck, Rev. M. Wachter, and Mr. D. Keplinger, papers marked No. 3.

4th Committee—Rev. E. Keller, Rev. W. Keil, and Mr. P. Baker, papers marked No. 4.

5th Committee—Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, Rev. F. Rothrauf, and Mr. D. Link, a letter marked No. 5.

The minutes of the last session of the Synod were read.

Information was called for, as to the causes for which many brethren were absent.

A letter from Dr. Kurtz, stating that his colleague is sick at N. York, and that funerals have lately occurred daily in his church—enclosing letters from our Brother B. Kurtz; and one from Rev. President Shober, of North Carolina, arrived at Winchester after the close of the sessions, and were returned to the Secretary.

Rev. J. Herbst, sen'r. and Rev. J. Grob were excused from attending this Synod, on account of their advanced age and concomitant infirmities.

The course pursued by Rev. Mr. Haas and Rev. Mr. Kubler in removing from the jurisdiction of this Synod, without advising it or its officers thereof, is highly disapproved of.

The Synod disapproves of the conduct of the Rev. N. Schmucker, for absenting himself, and directs the Secretary to address him upon the subject of the cause, which it is said, he stated some time since to a member of this Synod.

The Synod disapproves of the Rev. Mr. Meyerheffer, for absenting himself and not writing to the Synod; and regrets much that nothing has

been heard from Rev. Messrs. Sackman and Kehler, who have heretofore attended regularly.

The excuse of the Rev. Mr. Graber is not considered sufficiently specific. Mr. G. sent his parochial report, and promises to forward to the Treasurer, as early as practicable, the annual contributions of his churches, for the missionary fund. Adjourned—concluded with prayer.

Monday, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*—Constituted by prayer.

The report of the first committee was read, and the consideration thereof deferred until Tuesday.

Upon the report of the 2d committee, it was resolved, that the Rev. Mr. Schnee, be requested to take charge of the Pleasant Valley church.

The approbatory manner in which the council of our church at Taney-Town speaks of the Rev. J. N. Hoffman, delights the Synod, and their petition that he be continued their pastor is granted.

Agreeably to the request of the committee, a letter from Guernsey county, Ohio, signed by upwards of 70 persons, was read. The Synod rejoices to hear of the great success with which our Missionary Keil laboured among the people of Guernsey county, and cannot object to their calling him to take charge of churches in that section of our country.

The third committee made report, that two interesting letters had been committed to them, one from Professor Schmucker, and the other from Dr. Schmucker, President of the West Pennsylvania Synod, both of which the committee was of opinion should be read before the Synod. They were accordingly read.

Professor Schmucker expresses his attachment to this Synod—assures it, that though no longer resident within the bounds thereof, he is determined on every possible occasion, to attend its sessions, and gives the pleasing information "that the unequivocal spirituality of the students, who have already been matriculated in our Seminary is such, as to warrant the most sanguine expectations of the utility of our Seminary."

Dr. Schmucker informs this Synod, that the Synod of West Pennsylvania granted a donation of $150, for the support of the Professor of the Seminary, and expresses his hope, that this Synod, which first conceived the plan of establishing a Theological Seminary, would do so likewise.

Resolved, That the President answer Dr. Schmucker's letter.

Resolved, That $150 be granted as a donation, toward the support of the Professor of the Theological Seminary.

The fourth committee reported, that to them had been committed, a letter from Rev. Brother B. Kurtz, now in Europe; and another from the Rev. Mr. Lintner of the Synod of New York, both of which the committee recommends to be read before the Synod. They were read.

Resolved, That we feel grateful to God, for the success our brother Kurtz has met with.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Steinkopf, one of the Lutheran Ministers in London, is entitled to the most unfeigned thanks of this Synod, for the important aid and great kindnesses he rendered to our brother Kurtz.

Resolved, That as a mark of our respect and affectionate regard for Dr. Steinkopf, the first volume of the *Intelligencer* be presented to him.

Resolved, That the Secretary answer the letter of Rev. Mr. Lintner.

The fifth committee reported, that a letter had been committed to them, signed by sundry persons, stating that they are members of the church in Winchester, and praying the Synod, that the Rev. A. Reck be required to resign the church hitherto under his care. No charges were preferred against him, and the committee does aver, that they believe his piety undoubted.

After hearing arguments pro and con, and the Rev. A. Reck declaring his intention to abide by the decision of the Synod, it was

Resolved, That it be recommended to our brother Reck, to remove from the church at Winchester, as soon as the Lord may open for him another field of labor. Adjourned--Concluded by prayer.

This evening the Rev. J. Medtart preached in the Lutheran Church, text, Exodus xxiii. 2. and the Rev. M. Wachter in the Episcopal church, text, Luke xi. 13.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.—The Synod was constituted by prayer.

The President informed the Synod that the monthly association is continued—that it has been profitable to many souls, and that at each meeting collections are lifted for the benefit of our Seminary.

The Rev. J. Herbst, jun'r and Messrs. F. Nusz, and J. Harry were appointed a committee to examine the late Treasurer's accounts.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

	Baptisms	*Confirmed.*	*Communed.*	*Deaths*	*Congregations*	*Collections.*
						D. C.
Revd. J. Herbst, sen.	65	19	145	10	4	0 00
" J Grob	93	20	217	9	4	20 00
" D F. Schaeffer, A. M.	223	51	451	37	1	12 90
" A. Reck	38	1	126	18	3	21 70
" C. P. Krauth	40	18	183	20	2	10 00
" J. Schnee	89	17	366	17	4	18 28
" J. Winter	38	—	122	17	7	5 00
" W. Keil	83	12	136	8	3	46 73
" F. Rothrauf } " J. Medtart }	177	25	576	52	8	6 31
" M. Wachter	63	32	283	12	5	5 00
" J. N. Hoffman	20	—	—	4	5	5 00
" S. K. Hoshauer	10	4	51	11	3	

[*Note.*—It will be observed that the parochial reports are very deficient, in consequence of the absence of many brethren, and their neglect in writing to the Synod. We shall insert any that may come to hand, in future numbers.]

Rev. D. F. Schaeffer reported, that efforts had been made to wrest from the Lutherans of George-town, the property which they held for church purposes, but, that it was hoped a suit now in Chancery, would terminate in favor of said Lutherans.

Resolved, That the committee, to whom was entrusted the care of the property, belonging to the Lutherans of the District of Columbia, are entitled to the thanks of this Synod,

Resolved, That this Synod never has, and never will relinquish its right to any property of the Lutherans in the District of Columbia, unless the interest of said Lutherans should justify the contrary.

Resolved, That Secretary Schaeffer, Rev. J. Schnee, and Mr. J. Harry, be a committee, clothed with the fullest powers this Synod can grant, to pursue such course and measures as they may deem expedient, to perpetuate the right and title of property in the District of Columbia, to the Lutherans who reside there.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they found them correct, and that a balance of $364 70, remains in his hands.

Missionary Keil made his report. Ordered, that the Secretary make such extracts as he may deem interesting, and publish them in the *Intelligencer*.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to revise, amend, and translate the Constitution of this Synod, and report the result of their labors at the next Synodical meeting. The committee consists of the President, Secretary, Rev. F. Rothrauf, and Mr. J. Harry.

Upon the report of the first committee, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Whereas, charges are preferred against the Rev. J. Herbst, sen'r. and as the accused is absent, therefore,

Resolved, 1—That this body will not at present enter into an investigation of said charges.

2—That this body value the past ministerial labors of the Rev. J. Herbst, sen'r. but on account of his advanced age and bodily infirmities, recommends to him, the propriety of retiring from his ministerial labors.

3—That the churches composing his usual field of labor, be advised to aid and assist their superannuated pastor, in his temporal affairs, and to brighten as much as possible, the evening of his life.

4—That, as application for a younger and more active minister, who can officiate in both languages, has been made, by the said churches, the request of said petitioners is hereby granted, and full authority to call immediately for their pastor, any brother, who may be approved of by this Synod.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to report this afternoon, what would be the expense of purchasing a printing establishment, and what might be the probable expense of publishing the *Intelligencer* in an office belonging to the Synod.

Rev. Schnee and Herbst, and Mr. Harry compose the committee.

Resolved, That in consideration of services rendered, by Rev. C. P. Krauth, as co-editor of the Intelligencer, & his having been compelled to resign one of his churches, in order to attend to his duties as co-editor, one hundred dollars be paid to him out of the treasury of the Synod, upon condition that he act as co-editor until March next.

The co-editor at Frederick stated, that though much time and labor was necessarily required of him, to carry on the Intelligencer, yet, as the present number of subscribers would scarcely pay the expenses of printing, should the subscription money even be all collected, he would expect no compensation for his services.

Resolved, That every member of this Synod, should deem it his duty, to make great exertions, to increase the number of subscribers to the Intelligencer.

In order to sustain a friendly intercourse with different Synods, the following brethren were appointed delegates:

Rev. E. Keller,	for the	East Pennsylvania	Synod
" D. F. Schaeffer,	"	New York	do
" A. Reck,	"	North Carolina	do
" J. Schnee,	"	Ohio	do
" F. Rothrauf,	"	West Pennsylvania	do
" J. Grob or J. N. Hoffman,		German Reformed	do

Resolved, That an election be held for Directors of the Theological Seminary, and that their continuance in office be so determined, that at each regular Synodical meeting an election for one director may be held.

The Rev. C. P. Krauth was elected for	5	years
Mr. F. Nusz	4	years
Rev. D. F. Schaeffer	3	years
Mr. J. Harry	2	years
Rev. Dr. Kurtz	1	year.

Resolved, That at the expiration of the time for which a Director has been elected, the Synod may re-elect him.

After prayer the Synod adjourned.

Tuesday, 3 *o'clock*, *P. M.*—Prayer.

The committee appointed to ascertain the expense of purchasing a printing establishment, &c. made report.

Rev. J. Schnee and the Secretary were appointed to purchase a printing establishment, for the use of this Synod, if they can do so consistently with the interest of the Synod.

Resolved, That one of our brethren be elected sole editor of the Intelligencer, for the second year.

Rev. D. F. SCHAEFFER was elected, and restricted to the sum of $45, as a compensation to the printer, for each number.

All Synodical business having been disposed of, the time and place for the meeting of the next Synod was determined, viz :—*Third Sunday of October*, 1827, *at Frederick*, *Maryland.*

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Synod be published in the Intelligencer.

The session was then closed by a fervent prayer from President Krauth.

The ministerial session was then constituted by prayer.

Mr. J. Morris was presented as an applicant for the office of Candidate.

Resolved, That Mr. Morris be examined before the whole Ministerium. He was accordingly examined and unanimously approved of.

Resolved, That Mr. Morris be licensed as a Candidate, and that this solemnity take place this evening, after the sermon.

Resolved, That the Rev. E. Keller, who has accepted of a call from the churches in and about Manchester, be received as a member of this Synod.

Resolved, 1—That ordinations take place at the next Synodical meeting.

2—That such as shall have been candidates for three years, may then be examined for ordination.

3—That an ordination sermon shall be preached at the same time, by the Rev. A. Reck, and that the President deliver the charge.

The Ministerium adjourned until after the service.

This evening the Rev. J. N. Hoffman, preached in the Lutheran church, text, Acts xvii. 22, 23. After the discourse, Mr. Morris appeared before the altar, and was solemnly installed, as a Candidate in our church.

The Secretary then delivered a valedictory address, in the name of the Synod.

The exercises were unusually solemn, and but few left the sanctuary without serious impressions. May they never be erased.

Service was also performed in the Episcopal church, by the Rev. F. Rothrauf, text, Psalm xi. 6, 7.

The Ministerium then held another meeting, and took into consideration the state of vacant churches.

Rev. J. Kehler and Rev. J. Winter were directed to visit the Lutherans in Culpepper county, Virginia.

Rev. Hoshauer was directed to visit our churches in Wythe county, Va.

The brethren then united in prayer, and adjourned.

DAVID F SCHAEFFER, Secretary.

N. B.—Since the Minutes have been in the hands of the printer, the Secretary has been informed by the President, that a letter has been received by him from the Rev. M Kubler, excusing his absence, on account of afflictions in his family, and his removal from our bounds.—*Baptisms*, 91—*Communicants*, 150—*Deaths*, 12.